MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know how many depressed class families are intended to be colonised in that are ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): About fifty.

RAO SAHIB S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Nominated*): Which is the boarding house referred to by the member on which a sum of Rs. 600 is spent ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): It is the Harijan Free Boarding House in Trivandrum.

Plague at Alleppey.

70. * MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there were deaths due to plague at Alleppey ;

(*b*) if so, the number of such deaths ; and

(*c*) the amount spent by the Government till now (17-11-1111) for preventive measures ?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Twenty-two.

(*c*) The expenditure incurred till the end of Mithunam 1111 comes to nearly Rs. (12,000) twelve thousand.

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI (*Nominated*): എത്ര പേർക്ക് പ്ലേഗ് പിടിപെട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നു പറയാമോ?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): ൨൨ കേസുകൾ ഉണ്ടായിട്ടുണ്ട്.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the Government whether they are aware that the Publicity Officer has notified the public in general that it was not a case of plague

PRESIDENT : Was it not at the initial stage?

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): Yes, Sir.

PRESIDENT : Oh, God ! Much water has flown under the bridge since then.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the Government the reason for the Publicity Officer to issue such a notification ?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Sir, as soon as the report was received about the outbreak of plague at Alleppey, it was referred to the Director of Public Health and he at first thought that it was not a case of plague. On the basis of his report, the Publicity Officer published the first Press Note. But, immediately afterwards, the blood of the patient was examined and it was found to be a real case of plague. The mistake in the first Press Note was corrected immediately by publishing another Press Note.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): May I know whether the Government receive periodical reports from the plague authorities at Alleppey ?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes, Sir.

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MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): May I know from the Government the date on which they received the last report?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): This morning I received a report, Sir.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): May I know the situation as disclosed in the latest report?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Governme*): It is very encouraging.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): May I know from the Government whether the plague authorities report that the rat-fall is still continuing?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I did not see it in to-day's report. In the report received a few days ago, there was mention of one or two rat-falls.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): May I know whether Government have received temporary as well as permanent proposals from the plague authorities for the eradication of this epidemic?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes, Sir, they have received them.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): May I know from the Government whether they have considered the permanent proprosals made by the authorities?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): They are being considered, Sir.

MR. POTTAYIL S. KRISHNA PANICKAR (*Shertala II*): May I know from the Government whether any attack of plague has been reported after the end of Mithumam 1111?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Two attacks have been reported.

MR. POTTAYIL S. KRISHNA PANICKAR (*Shertala II*): May I know from the member whether there was any death after the end of Mithunam 1111?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There were two deaths, Sir.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): May I know whether there was any contribution from the Municipality towards the expenses?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Not so far, Sir.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): May I know whether there was any contribution from the neighbouring State of Cochin?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No, Sir.

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MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*) : May I know, Sir, whether our Government made a contribution to the Madras Government some time ago when there was plague in the Cumbum valley?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes, that was for conducting certain experiments.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know what the permanent proposals are for preventing the outbreak of plague?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : A survey of rat-flea in the whole State, the installation of a fumigation chamber at Alleppey and various other things have been suggested by Dr. Sweet of the Rockefeller Foundation and Government have asked the Director of Public Health and other officers concerned to meet together, discuss the proposals and send up their recommendations as early as possible.

SADASYA TILAKAN T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Urban*) : May I know whether the improvement in the plague situation at Alleppey is due to the immunity by inoculation or to the fact that there were no plague germs in the atmosphere?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I have not examined the atmosphere at Alleppey; but I think immunity has been created by inoculation.

PRESIDENT : Partly at any rate due to inoculation.

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes, Sir.

Promotions in the Excise Department.

71. ***MR. K. PADMANABHAN** (*Chirayinkil I*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the principle followed in the matter of giving promotions to the subordinates of the Excise Department as Inspectors; and

(*b*) the names of the persons promoted as Inspectors this year up-to-date (14-11-1111) and the ranks from which they were thus promoted?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : (*a*) Seniority combined with qualification, efficiency, character and physical fitness are the guiding principles in the matter of giving promotions as Excise Inspectors.

(*b*) A *statement giving the required information is laid on the table.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know what the qualification referred to in the answer to part (*a*) of the question is?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : The qualifications prescribed for the appointment may be seen in the Public Service Notification.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*) : May I know whether there is any rule that the Excise Inspectors should be only graduates?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : There is no such rule.

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*Vide Appendix III

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